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## NEEDS POSTAL BANKS.

Would Be of Especial Benefit to the People in the South.

Ernest G. De Long, of Tarpon Springs, Fla., writes to the Chicago record as follows:

"Should postal savings banks be established I fully believe that 20 per cent of the negro women of the south would become depositors within a year. This would have a better effect upon the character of the African race than any other reform thus far spoken of. It would give them an aim in life in which all could take part. It would protect them from unprincipled sharpers, both white and black. My experience is that the colored people have implicit confidence in the government, and none whatever in anyone else, when it comes to money matters. One with a savings bank account, no matter how small, would be a better citizen in every respect. It would start depositors on a road to usefulness in a right direction, encourage industry and discourage gambling. Above all else would be the moral effect. It would be more than the most stringent laws to prevent crime, because it would be a greater incentive for the preserving of their identity. As it is now, one name and one locality is just the same as another, and it is very common for the negroes to change their names every time they change their location and that makes it very easy for them to dodge the law; much more so than for a white man, for it takes years of experience for a northern man to tell one negro from another and the south is fast filling up with northern people, of whom I am one. It behooves us all in our own interest, as well as that of humanity, to improve the condition of the blacks, and I know of nothing that would do it so well as a moneyed interest in the government."

### POSTAL BANKS NEEDED.

At a recent meeting of the Indiana Bankers' association at Indianapolis, Mortimer Levering, of Lafayette, recognized as one of the best financiers in Indiana, made an address on postal savings banks in which he said: "The government is in a position to manage this thing through its present post-office system, and will scarcely increase the expense of that department, while it will enhance the accumulated wealth of the people throughout the whole United States. It was thought that the building and loan associations would care for the savings of the masses, but people have become suspicious of them. It is well known that lawyers in Indiana are making as much as \$10,000 a year out of these institutions, and officers are making much money out of them. We all know that trust companies are not organized as eleemosynary institutions. We want a system of savings banks that are for the poor people. What greater pride could a man have than to think himself a depositor of the United States?"

### FOR WORKING PEOPLE.

The Rev. John Adams, New Milford, Ill., says: "Postal savings banks, in my opinion, would be a particularly good thing for the country places. Take my own town, for instance—New Milford. We are six miles from Rockford, where there are savings banks, but our working people cannot take the time to go there, and consequently have no other place than an old stocking or the chimney to put their little savings. When these people are saving any money it is particularly necessary that they should have a perfectly safe depository and this would be afforded by the government postal savings banks."

### Thanksgiving Ball.

Invitations are out for a Thanksgiving Ball, under the management of the Great Bend A. O. U. W. lodge, at their hall on the evening of November 25th. Messrs. Fred Zutavern, C. A. Hooper, John Quillen, John F. Durkin and Will F. Honnen are a committee on general arrangements, and that alone assures good management, good order, and a general success. Mr. Cray's orchestra will furnish the music, and G. L. Chapman, C. L. Zutavern and C. G. Morrison will be floor managers. Committee on reception: C. A. Hooper, M. M. Eppstein, D. Hogue, S. A. Newcombe and E. W. Moses. Proceeds for the relief fund of the lodge.

### Social and Banquet.

The members of Pawnee Rock Lodge No. 218, K. of P., gave an elegant social and banquet, at their lodge room last Saturday night. The program for

the evening was well carried out, and the banquet? Well, from the way we are told the visiting brothers filled up on the abundant good things provided, it looked like they would have to be "well carried out" also.

The editor deeply regrets that previous arrangements prevented his attending, as at such a "feed" as we know the Pawnee Rock Knights are capable of getting up is just the place where we could "shine" in all the resplendence of our well known capacity. All who attended speak glowingly of the way they were entertained.

### He Was Bashful.

A bashful young man recently got married and a few days afterward he delivered himself thusly to a sympathizing friend: "You don't know how bashful I am," he murmured. "The girls just worry the life out of me. When I stood up to get married they all giggled, and when the minister asked me if I'd take this woman to be my wedded wife, I said 'purty well, tankee,' and when he pronounced us man and wife and said 'what God hath joined together let no man rip apart,' I broke down, and Oh! it was horrible! But that's nothing to what's to come. 'Bout eleven o'clock the old man sez, sez he, 'your room's head o' the stairs.' I was so skeered that when I tried to stand up my legs gave way and I fell over the dog and got bit in three places. I waited till everybody had gone to bed, then I crawled up stairs, like a spoon thief. I was afraid to go in, so I sat on the stairs and shivered. It's no use, sez I, what's got to be hez. So I took off my clothes in the dark and shut my eyes. Then I made a break for the door, crawled in the bed an' pulled the cover over my head, and laid on the front rail. In the morning I peeped through my fingers to see if I could dress and get out 'fore she woke up, and hang me if I wasn't in bed with the old man and woman."—Nevada County, (Ark.) Picayune.

### Suddenly Insane.

Last Wednesday afternoon Mrs. C. Hartman, a daughter of Jacob Frey, came to town with her husband and little babe, from south of the river, and while on the streets became raving mad.

She has been somewhat unbalanced for some time, but it was hoped by the husband and friends that she would recover, she having been sent to Colorado last spring to visit with her sister in the hope that the change would benefit her. Wednesday she became so violent that she had to be locked up, and it took several strong men to control her.

In the evening a jury was impaneled by the probate judge and she was declared insane, and on Saturday her husband accompanied her to the asylum at Ossawatimie. It is a sad case, and the family have the deep sympathy of the community.

### Was it Murder?

Another mystery from the vicinity of Ellinwood. Saturday of last week the badly decomposed remains of an infant, apparently a few weeks old, were found on Mr. Arnstein's farm, about a mile from Ellinwood. Coroner Shaw was called down Sunday, but nothing developed that would throw any light on the parentage of the little one.

The body was neatly dressed, having on a fine flannel skirt, neat muslin dress, trimmed in lace, and a fascinator had evidently been wrapped about the baby's head. It had been laid in a pile of leaves, beneath a willow tree a few rods back from the river bank. When found the head was a number of feet from the body, varmints having eaten most of the flesh from it, and also one of the legs. From all indications the body had been there about two weeks although it may have been a shorter time.

### One Kind of "Protection."

A dispatch from Chicago, of November 6th says:

"Chinese coal miners are to take the place of Americans in the Northern Illinois district. An attempt will be made to break the strike that exists and 800 skilled Celestials have been picked for the work. They will all bear arms, live inside a gatling-gun equipped stockade and be body-guarded by 100 former Chicago policemen. An agent of the Chinese Six Companies was in Chicago last week and made a contract with the Wilmington Coal Company to deliver the 800 Chinamen at the mines of the Wilmington-Braidwood district. The first consignment of 200 will arrive next Tuesday, and the others will be on hand a

soon as provision can be made to take care of them. Arrangements for an additional 1,000 Chinese miners have been made, conditional on the success of the first venture. Elaborate preparations have been completed to take care of the first 800 Chinamen and give them ample protection."

And this is the way the wealthy republican corporations will "protect" the American workmen—fire them by the thousands and fill their places with the Chinese coolies who live on rats and rice. Nice way to "increase the home demand for American products."

### "BUSY BETTYS" COLUMN.

A crying success—a colicky baby.

The size of a man's diamonds does not indicate the amount of knowledge contained in his cranium.

A writer in Demorest describes mince-pie as "dyspepsia above, dyspepsia below, and untold horrors between." The mince-pie season is upon us.

Nothing will improve the complexion and give grace to movement like housework. Try it, girls. It costs nothing, and will remove that tired look from your mother's face.

Hot soda water is the latest drink. How soon will our town be in the hot sizzle brigade? When the soda fountain can be used in the winter it will be a joy forever to the proprietor.

The following directions for retaining youth and beauty are credited to Ellen Terry: "Work 'till tired, sleep 'till rested, have plenty of fresh air, live in cool rooms, take a daily sponge bath and eat the plainest of food."

Huntington, West Virginia, is the only city in the United States to have a woman jailor. The former jailor St. Clair Ballard, died recently and his wife was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Ballard is said to be a woman of fine physique and indomitable courage and fills the position to the satisfaction of the people.

A correspondent asks Fuller, of the McCracken Enterprise, "If there will be any politics in Heaven," to which Bro. Fuller, fresh from the field of political battle, with the scalp of the enemy at his belt, replies "Well, we don't know, and we don't foresee much of a chance for us to find out, but our advice would be to leave politics behind you, if you want to enter the pearly gates. It isn't likely that Old Saint Peter would admit a politician, especially if he had an armful of platforms with him."

### Webb McNall on Politics.

Discussing the result of the election last week Webb McNall said:

"The reform forces must stand together in off years as well as other years. The way to succeed is to be honest and fair with one another. When a fusion is made it must be made honestly and fairly. When there is a great issue to be tried the elements in opposition to the Republican party can be trusted without reward, but in off years, when there is no great issue of interest to the people at stake, it becomes necessary to distribute favors in order to keep the elements together and to avoid the charge of being hogish. The opposition to the Republican party lost 18 county offices in the Fifteenth judicial district because a part of that opposition thought it could get along without the other part. It is the old story of a house divided against itself. I believe that in the future a fair and honest division must be made way down at the bottom in the township tickets and then all the way up. And when we make that fusion we must stick by it through thick and thin."

All over the state sentiments like those above quoted have been expressed. It is but fair, then, to assume that before the next campaign opens a fusion of the three parties in opposition to the Republican party will be effected.

### Report from Dist. 61.

School has been in session one month and the pupils are all worthy of comment as to their attendance. No tardy marks have been made by any, and but for the scarcity of new books at the first of the month there would be no absent marks. At present nearly all have enough books of the new kind. Total number enrolled for the month of Oct., 12. Those neither tardy nor absent were Amelia Drew and Thomas Marston.

LEMON STRICKNEY, Teacher.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

C. L. Zutavern and wife visited in Rush county Sunday.

The Great Bend band has gone into regular practice again.

The man who knows half he claims to know is indeed wise.

FOR SALE—E. E. Dawson residence property. See O. W. Dawson.

Miss Jennie Laidlaw is assisting in the DEMOCRAT office this week.

Tom Hart was over from Hoisington Sunday to visit mother and sisters.

Herman Mootz, of Sterling, was in the city a couple of days last week.

John Loomiller, the blind capitalist, has been in the city the past few days.

FOR SALE—Good small heater for soft coal. Enquire at DEMOCRAT office.

The cold snap ought to have held off until after the official count was made.

The fire hydrants in the city were all tested by a couple of firemen last Saturday.

Remember the Thanksgiving ball on the night of the 25th—benefit of the A. O. U. W.

District court opened last Wednesday. There is not much business for this term.

Wm. Paxson, a nephew of G. H. Hulme, has accepted a position in the Hulme store.

Frank Wilson, the miller, visited in the city Sunday, returning to St. John Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doherty, of Lakin township, favored this office with a visit last Saturday.

The Kempton Comedy Ko. played a three nights engagement at Ellinwood the first of this week.

Order Word and Works, the Irl Hicks Almanac for 1898, and the DEMOCRAT all for \$1.75.

John Klein and Tony Iten, two of Ellinwood's rustling young men, were in town last Saturday.

Fred Moore, of the south side, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hartman to Ossawatimie, Saturday.

FOR SALE or Rent, Lot 3, block 38 Great Bend. Will sell or rent cheap. Enquire of Fred Zutavern.

FOUND—Some money. The owner can have same by describing it properly. JOE SCHAEFFER.

Will Kelly and son, of Hutchinson, was up to Great Bend last Thursday to visit with old friends here.

Mrs. Rube Vancil came up from the Oklahoma country last Thursday, to remain here for the winter.

Road wagons, Buggies for \$48 up. Another car load on the way.

### GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

Another rainy spell set in Monday morning. It beats all what a wet country this is getting to be.

Adolph Hampel, of near Olmitz, was doing business in town Friday, and made the DEMOCRAT office a call.

Thomas Gilmores have moved from the third ward to the recently vacated Griffith property, in the second ward.

A much needed new sidewalk has been built by the city, in front of the Buckland property, on Forest avenue.

MEN WANTED—Teamsters. Will pay good wages; pay the 10th of each month. B. F. KOEN, Great Bend, Kans.

The Kempton Comedy Ko. played three nights last week, to good audiences. The company is as good as any on the road.

Delbert Stryker, who is a clerk in the State Superintendent's office at Topeka, came out Sunday to visit his folks.

Shep. Briscoe, who has been out with the Wickwire string of trotting horses came home Sunday to see old friends here.

STOVE PIPE—5,000 joints, and elbows, at 9c each. No CHEAP made stuff. At the

### GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

Mrs. James Patrick, who has been visiting her parents in Great Bend, has returned to her home in Santa Fe, Haskell county.

See our offer to new subscribers. Help the Fire boys along by ordering the DEMOCRAT, Beacon, or Tribune before Jan. 1898.

SOMETHING NEW—Steel roasting pans, for roasting turkeys, meats, etc. No good cook should be without one. Sold exclusively by the

### GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

Will Honner removed to Newton again this week.

Charlie Markey is again assisting at Griffith's grocery.

A series of meetings are being held at the M. E. church in Great Bend this week.

Lets not talk about the election. What's the matter with pumpkin pie and hot corn cakes?

All teachers of the county are invited to send their monthly reports to the DEMOCRAT for publication.

A. M. Boomer, formerly of the Valley House, came up from Lyons the first of the week on a short visit.

Peter Kingston, of Lear Maherville, made the DEMOCRAT office a call while in town on business last Saturday.

Fluce Tullis was up the first of the week, as a sub for Ed. Shanafelt, the branch brakeman, who was taking a lay-off.

Wm. Newman recently moved from Ness county to this city, and will remain for the winter, and possibly permanently.

W. M. Morris has closed out his repair business at the foundry, and left last Thursday for Colorado, on a prospecting tour.

Dr. A. M. Sipes has moved to Great Bend, from Stafford county. He occupies the O. V. Dodge property, in the east end of town.

A good, steady girl, who is willing and ready to work, can get a good place for the winter by calling at or addressing this office.

A loan agent was seen on the streets Monday with his pants out at the knees. He said the holes were caused by his excessive preying.

"Doctor" John Burke, associate of our most efficient coroner, returned Sunday evening from a three week's visit to old friends in Ohio.

White and Grey Enamel Granite ware. Cheaper than any other place in town—but all good goods. At the GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

J. R. Hayse left for his home in Centerville, Iowa, last Thursday. He will be back to look after his farming interests here in the spring.

A series of revival meetings began a No. 40 school house, Clarence township, last Sunday evening, under the direction of Rev. G. W. Baker.

H. S. Baird and Tobias McGill were two west side men in town Saturday to get the very latest about the "late unpleasantness" in local politics.

Mrs. J. S. Allton, of Pratt, who has been visiting with her parents, A. Laidlaw and wife of this place, returned to her home Friday morning last.

Mrs. C. G. Morrison and Miss Bessie Connatt each secured the lucky numbers that drew gold watches at the show Friday and Saturday evenings.

D. Hugh Hallady, formerly a photographer here, writes from Ellsworth that he is back in Kansas once more, and would like to be in Great Bend again.

There is no baby talk of a "contest" by the defeated candidates this fall, as there was by some of them last year. Each one of those who got left takes his defeat like a man.

A. J. Pursel is getting stronger right along now. A new voter, of regulation weight, came to his house last Wednesday, and A. J. is very well satisfied with the "returns."

Having removed to the room opposite Hotel Greene, will be glad to see you. Am offering special inducements in groceries. Must reduce my stock on account of room. W. A. DUNN.

Last week Jesse Raser, agent for the Mo. P. at this place, was taken seriously ill with what the doctors think is appendicitis. On Friday he was taken to the Missouri Pacific hospital for treatment.

Lisk's patent, anti-rusting tinware. Every article warranted absolutely rust-proof. Try it, and you will have no other. For sale only by

### THE GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

Manager Lewis says he has a cracker-jack of a show booked for December. Here's hoping that the weather will be mild or that the opera house management can secure a load of cobs again that time.

In the trial of Jeltz, the negro charged with assaulting Hilton with intent to kill, the case went to the jury Saturday morning, and on Saturday evening was discharged, on account of a failure to agree. Eight were for conviction and four for acquittal.

Richard Jett and wife are home from a trip east. Mr. Jett has almost recovered from the effects of the engine wreck, and is growing "fat and sassy" during his lay-off.

Chris and Nick Graf, of the east side, were callers on the DEMOCRAT last Thursday. They say the result of the election would have been different if the east side democrats had turned out and voted.

The great Santa Fe road is painting the depots and other buildings along its lines. The work is done with a sort of a squirt gun machine, run by steam. The buildings at Great Bend got their dose one day last week.

Don't fail to examine the Cummings New Improved Coffee Pot, Condenser and Dripper, on exhibition at Moss' store. A new process of making coffee that condenses the steam and separates all the grounds from the coffee.

J. E. Hotchkiss has been down in Egypt (Stafford Co.) among the prosperous pops for the last few weeks. He plastered a new house for Howard Lake, a new house for Ed. McDonald, and an old house for Wm. Johnson.

I have opened a new stock of groceries in my store next the First National Bank. Prices low. Produce wanted. Will give cash, groceries or dry goods for it. Goods delivered in the city.

### A. R. Moss, Star Grocery.

Mr. M. L. Cook, whose home is near Chicago, came out this week on a visit to his son, O. T. Cooke of the Arkansas Valley Grain & Elevator Co. He will remain some time, if the climate agrees with him—and it undoubtedly will.

If the city council should condemn that dilapidated, disgraceful old pretense of an opera house, wonder if it would not encourage the erection of a good show room? We would not be surprised if the council tried the experiment.

Talk about unadulterated gaff. We drove past a church building in this city last Saturday, on one side of which a fence-board advertiser had painted a couple of signs in bold, black letters. Would not be surprised to see every private house in the town made a public bill-board.

G. L. Chapman, F. B. Patterson, John Rehn, Ralph Bailey, C. A. Swartz, J. J. Winterburg and Ed. F. Winterburg, of Great Bend, and John Grant of Ellinwood, attended the Knights of Pythias banquet at Pawnee Rock last Saturday night.

Miss Winifred Wilcox, of Chicago, assisted by Mrs. Geo. Parker, Messrs. H. R. Johnson, E. F. Buess, and the Hoisington Orchestra, will give a complimentary Piano Recital at the Christian church, Hoisington, on the evening of Saturday, November 13th, beginning at 8 o'clock.

H. J. Roetzel was up from Ellinwood Monday and favored this office with a call. Mr. Roetzel named a large number of democrats and populists in Lakin township who did not turn out to vote—but nary a republican. "You can fool some of the people some of the time" etc.

Hon. M. W. Coburn, of Albion township, made the DEMOCRAT office a friendly call last Monday evening. He expressed his surprise at the "unwarranted laziness (or something else) that prevented many populists in his part of the county from turning out and voting on election day."

The pictures of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, Saturday night, were a miserable fake. After three evenings of really meritorious entertainments it was too bad that Mr. Kempton spoiled the good impression made by his excellent company by working off that horrible farce of a fight upon his audience.

A north side democrat says he has just found out "how it happened." He says he "marked in the square to the left of every name on the democratic ticket—just as he did last fall—and the blamed judges counted him as voting the republican ticket." Wonder if he had many companions in that erroneous marking? It looks mighty like he did.

Every merchant, says an exchange, should have an advertisement department in connection with his establishment. If it only consists of a pigeon hole where advertising ideas can be filed and referred to, it will be found a most valuable department in the business. Depending on adjectives and inspiration in advertising writing may be all right at times. But the brightest men will profit by the comparison of their ideas with other ideas.